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SCHAKOWSKY: BUSH ADMINISTRATION'S MISSTATEMENT OF THE DAY - LEADERSHIP

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) issued today's ["Bush Administration's Misstatement of the Day"](#) on President Bush's leadership.□□

Republican National Committee Chairman Ed Gillespie said about President Bush:

"People across the country appreciate his [President Bush] strong, principled leadership and his message." (Ed Gillespie, RNC Chair, *Washington Times*, 10/2/03)

However, according to national polls:

- 54% of Americans believe that President Bush did not sufficiently plan for the post-war situation in Iraq and does not have a plan to win the peace and bring the troops home. (Democracy Corps, 10/02/03)
- 53% of Americans do not trust what President Bush is saying about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. (Democracy Corps, 10/02/03)
- 72% of Americans believe that someone in the White House leaked information that disclosed the identity of a CIA agent.□ (Washington Post-ABC News poll, 9/30/03)
- 55% of Americans disapprove of how Bush is handling the economy. (Newsweek, 9/25-26/03)
- 48% believe President Bush is taking the U.S. in the wrong direction, compared to 42%. (Zogby, 9/22-24/03)

- 73% of Americans describe the state of economy as not good or poor. (ABC News/Money Magazine, 9/28/03)

Schakowsky said, "Under President Bush's '*principled leadership*', Americans have lost jobs and loved ones.□ President Bush has bankrupted our country by spending hundreds of billions of dollars on tax cuts for the rich and an unwise and unnecessary war in Iraq."